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A WORK OF MERIT.

A Play Highly Commended and Deserving to Meet With Success.

If the Star is positive of one thing more than of another, it is a desire on its part to note with faithfulness the advent or presence in its midst of persons or projects that are worthy of the consideration of its readers.

In its estimation a worthy object should be worthily presented, and a worthy person who has done something of merit and that reflects credit on the doer as well as the community in which that person resides, is a legitimate object of commendation.

The Star being a purely local paper, striving to give our readers the freshest and best that is transpiring in our midst, reverts with satisfaction to the fact that we had the honor and pleasure to listen some evenings ago to the reading by the authoress, Mrs. Beatrice Marean, of her new play, "Cherry," or "Capital and Labor vs. Capital."

The play deserves a more extended and abler notice than we can give it, but such as we formulate, we cheerfully and heartily accord it, because the gifted authoress is one of us and by the productions of her pen has not only earned reputation and standing as a writer of fiction and dramatic literature, but in crowning her intellectual brow with the bay of mental effort, she has given to Ocala a name and reputation that should make every Ocalan feel proud that such a talented lady is "one of us" and that success and increasing literary reputation shall continue to come to her pen.

The play of "Cherry," or "Capital and Labor vs. Capital" was written by the special request of a company whose head quarters are at Greensboro, N. C., who by chance heard of her drama of "Fireman's Heart," which Mrs. Marean produced, that the important event which culminated in the annual meeting of the State Firemen's Association in Ocala in November, 1894, should be duly honored and on which occasion the drama was presented in our opera house by a good local company to the great delight and pleasure of attending firemen from all over the state, and who were loud in praise of the sterling worth of that excellent play.

This company not only heard of the play, but secured a copy of it, and after careful reading of it, were so well pleased with the merit of it that they secured the right from the authoress to produce it, which met with such favor in the many southern cities in which it was presented that, as intimated, they desired another play from the same authoress, though along somewhat different lines, yet retaining the popular features of a firemen's scene as part of the interesting and striking stage scenes. Mrs. Marean has succeeded admirably in this, and with the knowledge that has come to her with a larger and deeper study of dramatic literature and characters needed to add tone and interest to the play, we feel safe in saying that in this, her second effort, she will score a success that will place the talented woman among the noted play writers of the country.

That the Star and the writer of this notice may not be accused of too great partiality toward the authoress because of local and home environments and that we have spoken in modest moderation of the true worth and excellence of this new play, we are permitted to say that the manuscript of "Cherry" was sent by request to Mr. Daniel Frohman, who is well known as the leading theat-

rical managers of New York and who is on the continual lookout for new material for his talented companies, and whose reputation as a competent judge and critic of the genuine merits of stage literature has no equal in this country, has not only written Mrs. Marean a very flattering letter commendatory of her play, but kindly suggested to add to its title of "Cherry and Labor vs. Capital" in which the leading characters play an important part in truly high dramatic art, also the acts and speeches of which characters illustrate in intensity of vivid light the struggle that has for a decade or two, and is still occupying the world's stage and the attention of its actors in trying to solve correctly and to the best interests of all so vitally interested in this great and overshadowing problem.

Not only has Mr. Frohman taken this kindly interest in Mrs. Marean's play, but assured of its literary merits, which are truly of a high order, has made her the flattering proposition to produce for his stage, at a future date, a play.

With such encouragement from so high and authoritative a source, Mrs. Marean may well feel encouraged and elevated, while her fellow citizens' hearts should be gently stirred with emotions of pride.

The scene of the play is laid in New York state. The leading character is a well to do contractor and builder, and of good standing in the community, who is captain of the Eagle Hose Co.—the idol of his men. He is possessed of a loving daughter of noble characteristics, with whom a young lieutenant in the fire company, also a mechanic, is desperately in love, as is the son of a wealthy banker. The father favors the suit of his lieutenant and forbids his daughter to see the wealthy suitor, who he assures her has no interest in her except for unworthy purposes and unholy ends.

The old story is repeated. Wealthy suitor asserts his honorable intentions; makes appointment to elope with the lovely daughter. They are to meet at a certain night under an apple tree. The loved one goes to the trysting place and there sees a man bending over a prostrate form. She goes to them, when the person bending over turns, sees the woman, and in terror flees, while she bends over the prostrate form, only to find it to be the dead body of her lover. She faints and is afterwards found by her friends.

Her father, who that afternoon went to a neighboring town, returns about the time the murder is discovered, and is accused of the crime, tried and, by circumstantial evidence, is convicted. The members of the fire company stand nobly by their chief in money and influence. He secures a second trial, when a tramp appears. He, rescued from the flames of a burning house by the lieutenant of the Eagle Hose Company, confesses to the murder, and says he, desperate from want, saw the lover draw \$1,500 from a bank, and clogged his every step to the trysting place, crept up behind him, dealt him a blow with an iron bar, not to kill him, but to stun him, and was bending over to rob him, when the young lady came upon the scene, etc. But enough.

In due time the play will be presented in Ocala, when all can see it and judge of its merits.

Men's velvet slippers, pattern leather trimmed, 60c, carpet 45c, boys 35c, at the shoe department. The Racket.

Committees Meet.

The executive committee of the Merchant's Barbecue and Farmers Horse Swapping convention, held their last meeting in W. K. Zewadski's law office last night and made final arrangements for the big day. The meeting was a very harmonious one, the business was rapidly and systematically disposed of and each member exhibited a willingness to do all in his power for the success of the occasion.

The barbecue committee offered and read their bids for meat. The bids were all reasonable. After some discussion it was decided to purchase 2,000 pounds of beef, 800 pounds of pork and 600 pounds each of mutton and kid. Edwards Brothers were awarded the contract to furnish the beef and mutton and Dukes & Shepherd the pork and kid. In addition to this 4,000 pounds of meat, much will be donated and it is expected that there will be little or none wasted. Three thousand loaves of bread will be purchased besides donations.

The finance committee, by its zealous chairman, M. Fishel, reported gratifying success, which assured them of success.

The advertising committee reported everything properly arranged, and liberal support on the part of the local press.

The exhibition committee's report was gratifying. They have a number of contributors who will furnish creditable exhibits of the agricultural resources of the county, particularly of tobacco. Great expectations are based on the object lecture of Mr. Medero, the expert. Mr. Campbell also expects to have a practical illustration in tobacco manipulation in behalf of his company, the Florida Havana Tobacco Co.

The horse swapping committee reported favorably; that good grounds and hitching posts would be prepared on the vacant lot in the rear of the city hall, and on motion of a member a good saddle was offered as a prize to the man making the most bona fide swaps during the day. Plenty of ice water will be provided, seasoning accessories for the dinner; four or five thousand wooden dishes will be provided in which to serve the meat. No grabbing will be allowed, as there will be an ample corps of waiters and carvers who will serve every one. It is estimated that from 4,000 to 5,000 people will attend the barbecue.

The services of skillful and long tried cooks have been secured who will cook the immense quantity of meat.

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Probable Storm.

The weather bureau from Jacksonville sent the following telegram to Ocala today: "Threatening weather with rain, probably dangerous. East winds, attended by tropical storm, now to southeast of Florida."

Mothers praise Hood's Sarsaparilla; because, by its great blood enriching qualities, it gives rosy cheeks and vigorous appetites to pale and puny children.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



Lots of New Money.

Messrs. Munroe & Chambliss have found it difficult to keep enough small change and particularly silver dollar and quarters on hand to cash small checks and make accommodation change. Every week they have had to send to Jacksonville and pay express on about \$4,000, but now they have hit on a better plan, that of getting silver from the United States Treasury, through their bank in New York. The first shipment came yesterday, a thousand dollars in quarters, halves and dollars, and the treasury pays the express in order to get rid of part of the big surplus of silver. The money awful pretty and particularly so to the hungry eye of a newspaper man, but Mr. Chambliss was very kind and let us feel the weight of the bags and run our fingers caressingly through the piles of dollars, for which we feel very grateful. This silver from the treasury comes in bags of \$100 each, tied and sealed with weight in pound and ounces to the fractional ounce, with the denomination of the coin, name of counter, etc. A strange feature of the new money was that some bags varied very considerable in the weights marked on them. The cash rack holds only \$4.25 of the new and about \$5.50 of the old quarters, there being that much difference in the thickness. This firm is doing a good business and during a month handle a very large amount of money.

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Come and Pay.

Mr. Fishel, chairman of the finance committee, asks that those who have subscribed to the barbecue fund and have not already paid, call at his store and do so not later than Monday noon, as he has not the time to call on them again.

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Guard against Yellow Jack by keeping the system thoroughly clean and free from germ breeding matter. Cascarets Candy Cathartic will cleanse the system and kill all contagious disease germs.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

All day yesterday and until noon today the time of the court was taken up with the famous replevin suit of R. W. Summers vs. W. P. Haisley. A verdict for the plaintiff was returned by the jury just before noon today.

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